yet in order to encourage export of marine products in value added form, a number of schemes have been formulated for implementation during Eighth Five Year Plan. They are : (i) Subsidy for installation of Individual Quick Freezing (IQF) machinery and equipment; (ii) Subsidy for exporting marine products in consumer packs ; (iii) Subsidy for replacing deficient freezing units ; (iv) Scheme for tuna and other fish processing ; (v) Upgradation of technology for fish processing etc.

M.O.U. between India and China for Co-operation in Science and Technology

*158. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have recently signed a M.O.U. for cooperation in certain areas of Science and Technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Sir, an M.O.U. on Cooperation in Agriculture and another M.O.U. on Cooperation in the Peaceful Application of Outer Space Science and Technology were recently signed between India and China.

(b) Agriculture : The M.O.U. on Agriculture, signed in Beijing on April 11, 1992, provides for

(i) exchange of materials concerning agricultural science and technology;

(ii) exchange of germplasm, seeds, seedlings and breeding materials;

(iii) exchange of scientific and technical information materials, documentation and samples of produce;

(iv) organisation of lectures, symposia and exhibitions on subjects of mutual interest;

(v) exchange of trainees, delegations of scientists and specialists;

(vi) joint agricultural research programmes in areas of mutual interest;

(vii) exchange of results of research and experiments;

(viii) exchange of training/study visits and workshops on subjects of mutual interest; and

(ix) other means as may be mutually agreed upon.

Biennials Work Plans will be drawn up by mutual agreement between the two sides after securing necessary clearances from their respective authorities to give effect to the objectives of this M.O.U.

A Work Plan for 1992-1993 was concluded between the Ministries of Agriculture of the two Governments on April 11, 1992 in Beijing.

Space : The M.O.U. on Peaceful Application of Outer Space Sciences and Technology was signed in New Delhi on December 13, 1991. It provides for cooperation through :

(i) Working out jointly and conducting space cooperation plan of mutual interest and benefit;

(ii) Arranging exchanges of scholars and specialists and facilitating participation in joint research and projects;

(iii) Exchanging experimental data and results, scientific information and literature;

(iv) Holding joint symposia and conferences and sending delegations to visit each other; and

(v) Other joint activities as mutually agreed to.

Defence Minister's Visit to U.S.A.

*159. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what were the specific issues discussed with his U.S. counterpart during his recent visit to that country;